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Honorable S. Dillon Ripley
Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

The bill H.R. 12940, for the relief of the Estate of Josiah K. Lilly, and a group of similar bills are presently pending before this Committee.

You will recall that this is the legislation that was the subject of a subcommittee hearing on September 27, 1967, at which we were privileged to have you appear as a witness.

After the hearings had been completed on the bills, the Committee received the enclosed correspondence which raises some questions. I would appreciate having your comments on the enclosed letter from Mr. Paul E. Garland of Maryville, Tennessee, so that the Committee may have information which will enable it to act conclusively on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Emanuel Celler
Chairman

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